

February 27, 2013

Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Detroit News: David Viviano chosen to fill seat on Michigan Supreme Court

"Gov. Rick Snyder on Wednesday appointed Macomb County Circuit Judge David F. Viviano to the Michigan Supreme Court to fill a seat vacated by former Justice Diane Hathaway in a scandal-ridden resignation. Snyder appeared with Viviano at a 3 p.m. press conference at his Lansing office to announce the appointment, giving Republicans a 5-2 majority on the Supreme Court."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: David Viviano to replace Hathaway as Supreme Court justice

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Daily Press & Argus, the Lansing State Journal and the Times Herald/Port Huron.

Crain's Detroit Business: Snyder appoints Macomb Judge David Viviano to state Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

Michigan Lawyers Weekly: Viviano chosen as Supreme Court Justice

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Gov. Rick Snyder appoints Judge David Viviano to Michigan Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder appoints Macomb Judge David Viviano to the Michigan Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

SBM Blog: Chief Justice Young Lauds David Viviano as Supreme Court Pick

[Full story](#)

SBM Blog: Governor Snyder Appoints David Viviano to Michigan Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Snyder names Judge David Viviano to the State Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Gov. Rick Snyder names Macomb County's Judge David Viviano to Michigan Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Snyder appoints Macomb County Chief Judge David Viviano to replace Diane Hathaway

[Full story](#)

Chief Justice Young: New Justice Viviano is "exceptional" choice for Court

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: Judge: Ringleader in torture case remains at large; 2 sentenced Tuesday encouraged to testify against 'key person'

"During the Tuesday sentencing of two Detroit men for their roles in the torture, murder and dismemberment of two people last year, a Wayne County judge and prosecutor said the mastermind of the crimes is still at large."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Farmington man charged in girlfriend's murder, dismemberment

"... William Michael Dhondt, 28, is charged with one count of first-degree premeditated murder in the death of Kaitlin Elizabeth Hehir, whose body was found inside her home in the 23800 block of Colchester on Sunday, several hours after Dhondt reported her as missing to police."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Suspect beat, strangled girlfriend, hid parts around Farmington home, police say

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Boyfriend charged with murder in dismemberment of Farmington woman

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune and the Macomb Daily.

The MiLW Blog: Man charged in murder, dismemberment of Farmington court clerk

[Full story](#)

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Disturbing details of killing released as man is arraigned in girlfriend's murder

[Full story](#)

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: POLICE: Murder suspect details final moments of Farmington woman's life

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Editorial: Court derails pursuit of needed oversight in surveillance law

"In a ruling as cynical as a scene in the Showtime series 'Homeland,' a closely divided U.S. Supreme Court Tuesday dodged an opportunity to put some reins on government surveillance run amok. The 5-4 ruling upheld a federal law that authorizes the government to eavesdrop on international telephone calls and e-mails in the war on terror."

[Full story](#)

Associated Press: Appeals court throws out \$750K verdict for teacher

"The Michigan appeals court has thrown out a \$750,000 verdict for a Detroit teacher who says she lost her job after criticizing the school district's handling of a sexual assault. The court ordered a new trial Wednesday but narrowed the alleged violations of law."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit.

Also see:

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Michigan Court of Appeals rules against former school teacher, who was fired after reporting abuse

[Full story](#)

Associated Press: Probe of Mich. lawmaker's party switch nearly up

"A grand jury is nearing a deadline on whether to charge anyone with crimes in a Grand Rapid lawmaker's party switch. A judge is the lone grand juror in the probe that also involves the role of Republican House Speaker Jase Bolger."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press.

Detroit Legal News: Forum Force

"A forum about the importance of ethnically and racially diverse juries in the criminal justice system and the importance of jury service was conducted on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at the Lebanese American Heritage Club in Dearborn."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: The Salvation Army's William Booth Legal Aid Clinic hosts its Inaugural Walk for Justice at the Detroit Zoo

"... To assist WBLAC with short and long term planning, an Advisory Board was formed and currently boasts many esteemed members of the legal community including Retired Oakland Circuit Judge Fred Mester, Oakland Circuit Judge Denise Langford Morris, Wayne Circuit Judge Maria Oxholm and Board President Roger Smith of Garan Lucow."

[Full story](#)

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Fifteen fail to show for jury duty; Jackson County judge has to declare mistrial

"[Jackson County Jury Coordinator] Jackie Niciporek encourages jurors to tell their friends and family about the importance of their service.... On Monday, Feb. 25, 15 people did not arrive as ordered for jury duty and Jackson County Circuit Judge Susan Beebe had to declare a mistrial because there were not enough jurors to sit a panel for an assault case."

[Full story](#)

Lansing State Journal: Obituary: Agnes T. Pulling

"... Agnes T. Pulling Williamston Born September 25, 1918, the daughter of Charles and Agnes (Flynn) Pulling. Agnes passed away on February 26, 2013 at age 94.... Retired from the State Of Michigan Court of Appeals, Agnes wrote for the Williamston Enterprise paper, was a freelance writer of magazine articles, and worked locally for David Jones."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Macomb County judge castigates serial bathroom peeper

"A Macomb County judge severely punished a 43-years-old serial bathroom peeper by virtually doubling his prison sentence. Judge Peter J. Maceroni on Wednesday exceeded the sentencing guideline range of 10 to 34 months by sentencing Cedric Simpson to five to 10 years in prison for peeking at a woman in a bathroom stall at the Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant in downtown Mount Clemens in July 2011."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune.

The Macomb Daily: Macomb Circuit Court inks deal to go electronic, paperless

"Macomb County Circuit Court has reached a deal with a technology company that will allow it to restart its electronic filing system under a plan for the whole court system to become paperless. The county court system and ImageSoft in Southfield recently agreed to a \$260,000, three-year contract in which ImageSoft will implement a document management system, and provide technology for electronic-filing, -signature and -certification."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Father's journey to reunite with daughter nearly complete

"... [Dan Quinn, a resident of Highland, near Brighton] was shut down in gaining access to his daughter by a 1956 Michigan statute that said a woman's husband is legally presumed to be the father of his wife's children.... Quinn successfully waged a battle at the state Capitol to change the law. A new statute signed by Gov. Snyder last June led to two successive victories in Genesee County Circuit Court, on Feb. 13 and on Monday."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: In their opinions: Letting a sleeping juror lie

"'[D]efendant has not shown that the sleeping juror affected the outcome of the proceedings.' - Court of Appeals Judge Amy Ronanye Krause in *People v. Dunigan*. Antonio Dunigan's defense to a charge of second-degree home invasion didn't go well, and as you might expect, he blamed his attorney."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: New ABA ethics opinion: Judges must be 'judicious' on social networking sites

"Judges using social networking sites on the Internet need to be 'judicious' about what they post and who they friend, according to a new ethics opinion released by the American Bar Association."

[Full story](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: Muskegon's well-known defense attorney, Terry Nolan, arrested on alleged drug-related activity

"Muskegon-based defense attorney, Terry Nolan, has been arrested. Nolan, one of the area's most high profile defense attorneys, was arrested Tuesday night in the Muskegon County area for alleged drug-related activity, authorities confirmed."

[Full story](#)

SBM Blog: Weapons in the Public Square: Greeks, Founding Fathers, and a Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice

"There's no more fertile field in which to contemplate textualism and originalism these days than the Second Amendment. In Michigan, one need look no further than this amicus brief authored by former Michigan Supreme Court justice Cliff Taylor, in the case about the right to carry weapons openly in public libraries, *Capital Area District Library v Michigan Open Carry Inc.*"

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Editorial: Ruling clears way for septage plan

"The issue: Appeals court upholds septage control ordinance. Our view: County can now resolve plant's funding problem."

[Full story](#)

WKAR News/East Lansing: The unsolved murder that changed Michigan politics forever

"Before the assassination of State Senator Warren Hooper in 1945, corruption in Michigan politics was the norm, not the exception. While it remains unsolved, the Hooper hit, which was widely believed to be the work of Detroit's infamous Purple Gang, ushered in a crackdown on corruption and altered the political climate in Lansing for good. Bill Whitbeck, a Michigan Court of Appeals judge and the author of the 2010 novel 'To Account for Murder,' which is based on Hooper's death, recounts the story."

[Full story](#)

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Local judge removes 5-year-old from grandparents to live with mom and known child abuser

"A couple months before her 5th birthday, a little girl, who had been raised by her grandparents in Gibraltar, was ripped from their care without warning. A local judge handed the child over to her biological mother who she barely knows-- and who is married to a man with a history of child abuse."

[Full story](#)